

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, July 29, 2008 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 4**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (190 new fires)
New large fires:	3
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:	38
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

A NIMO Team (Cable) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

Two MAFFS C-130 air tankers from the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina are supporting the State of California at McClellan Airpark in Sacramento, California. The Mission Commander is LTC Charles Davis, 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Australia and New Zealand are providing 44 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California.

**Northern California Area (PL 5)**

New fires:	24
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	25
Area Command Teams committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Area Command Team (Lohrey) is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino and Six Rivers National Forests. Area Command Team (Anderson) is managing fire complexes on the Six Rivers and Klamath National Forests.

**Lime Complex** (2 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Hughes). Fourteen miles west of Hayfork, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with mid-range spotting and group tree torching. Residences, ranches and youth camps threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Iron and Alps Complexes** (4 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and short runs. Community of Corral Bottom and power lines threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Panther**, Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Dietrich) to IMT 1 (McGowan) today. Fourteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Ukonom Complex**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Dietrich). IMT is also managing the Siskiyou Complex and the Blue 2 fire. Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures, cultural sites, and telecommunication facility threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Siskiyou Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Active fire behavior. Structures and cultural sites threatened.

**Blue 2**, Six Rivers NF. Twelve miles east of Klamath, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing and group tree torching. Cultural and communications sites threatened. Trail and road closures in effect.

**Bear Wallow Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with isolated single and group tree torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Voluntary evacuations.

**Yolla Bolly Complex** (3 fires), Mendocino NF. IMT 1 (Larsen). Forty-seven miles southwest of Redding, CA. Timber. Backing fire with short uphill runs, isolated torching and short-range spotting. Residences and cultural sites threatened.

**Canyon Complex** (6 fires), Plumas NF. IMT 2 (Sciacca). Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. Moderate activity with backing fire.

**BTU Lightning Complex** (2 fires), Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Streblow). Twenty-seven miles north of Yuba City, CA. Timber, brush and logging slash. Minimal fire activity with spotting.

**American River Complex**, Tahoe NF. Eleven miles northeast of Foresthill, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Lime Complex	CA	SHF	57,808	391	74	8/15	1,599	37	35	82	11	4	42.0M	FS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	78,226	2,161	75	8/15	1,798	-133	39	74	8	1	38.8M	FS
Panther	CA	KNF	650	96	0	8/15	124	0	5	0	2	0	200K	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	35,690	1,224	30	9/15	463	-11	5	19	6	0	16.8M	FS
Siskiyou Complex	CA	KNF	55,084	0	46	8/30	1,336	155	32	60	14	0	22.5M	FS
Blue 2	CA	SRF	5,424	199	25	8/30	358	0	2	12	3	0	5.9M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	8,524	292	0	8/15	453	-41	12	9	4	0	2.7M	FS
Yolla Bolly Complex	CA	MNF	70,635	881	25	8/15	490	37	10	26	6	0	5.0M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	37,753	0	90	8/6	827	-10	14	39	5	3	39.0M	FS
BTU Lightning Complex	CA	BTU	59,440	0	95	7/29	1,261	-192	21	49	6	117	84.0M	ST
American River Complex	CA	TNF	20,541	0	95	8/1	109	-16	2	4	2	2	23.6M	FS
Hell's Half	CA	SRF	15,146	0	100	---	262	-19	4	10	1	1	13.8	FS

### **Southern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 25  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Telegraph**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Unified Command between Cal Fire IMT 1 (Rambo) and Mariposa County FD. Five miles north of Mariposa, CA. Manzanita and chamise. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Communities, communication facilities, power lines and water supply systems threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Telegraph	CA	MMU	29,600	3,470	10	UNK	3,458	915	71	408	13	52	9.1M	ST
Gap	CA	LPF	9,443	0	100	---	3	-44	0	0	0	4	21.0M	FS

LPF – Los Padres NF

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Cascade**, Custer NF. IMT 1 (Bennett). Ten miles west of Red Lodge, MT. Timber. Short runs, upslope burning, torching and short-range spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Parmenter**, Kootenai NF. IMT 2 (Grant). Started on private land two miles west of Libby, MT. Logging slash. Interior torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Harley**, Lewis and Clark NF. Three miles west of Neihart, MT. Single and group tree torching. Residences threatened. Voluntary evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cascade	MT	CNF	5,800	2,300	0	UNK	279	163	9	34	5	5	580K	FS
Parmenter	MT	KNF	130	-20	60	7/31	170	74	6	3	2	0	300K	PRI
Harley	MT	LCF	167	20	10	7/31	140	12	5	2	3	0	500K	FS
Brown	ND	DPF	3,000	0	100	---	8	-12	0	2	0	0	NR	FS

DPF - Dakota Prairie National Grasslands, FS

### **Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 85  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 7  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Evans Road**, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Transfer of command from Florida IMT 2 (Utley) to North Carolina IMT 2 (Hendricks) yesterday. Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral and southern rough. Ground fire in deep organic soils. Residences threatened.

**Ravia**, Central & Western Office, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles northwest of Tishomingo, OK. Red cedar and grass. Wind-driven fire activity with torching and spotting. Community of Mill Creek threatened.

**South 1**, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Smoldering in deep organic soils. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Bradley Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty miles west of Wichita Falls, TX. Brush. Creeping and smoldering.

**Rock Creek**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land eighteen miles southeast of Vernon, TX. Juniper and brush. Active fire behavior.

**Hwy 62**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land sixteen miles southeast of Wellington, TX. Juniper and brush. Creeping and smoldering.

**Lake Charles #29**, National Forests in Florida. Eighteen miles northeast of Ocala, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Evans Road	NC	NCS	40,704	0	80	UNK	247	-28	0	30	1	4	17.4M	ST
* Ravia	OK	CWU	5,000	---	60	7/30	44	---	0	9	0	0	NR	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	4,664	0	95	7/31	63	-8	1	3	0	0	9.1M	FWS
Bradley Ranch	TX	TXS	1,400	0	95	UNK	2	-8	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Rock Creek	TX	TXS	600	---	0	UNK	8	---	0	1	1	0	NR	PRI
Hwy 62	TX	TXS	425	0	95	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Lake Charles #29	FL	FNF	156	0	95	UNK	1	-9	0	0	0	0	30K	FS

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2

**262**, Mid Columbia NWR. Twelve miles northwest of Othello, WA. Brush. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Cold Springs**, Gifford Pinchot NF. Forty miles northwest of Goldendale, WA. Timber. Smoldering. Cultural resources threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
262	WA	MCR	6,000	1,500	75	7/29	133	29	0	47	0	0	NR	FWS
Cold Springs	WA	GPF	7,729	0	98	8/1	229	4	5	7	2	0	9.3M	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 11  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**Gunbarrel - WFU**, Shoshone NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Forty miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Backing fire with single and group tree torching and short-range spotting.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Gunbarrel – WFU	WY	SHF	800	568	N/A	N/A	14	0	0	0	1	0	NR	FS

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Flag Knoll - WFU**, Caribou-Targhee NF. Thirteen miles south of Swan Valley, ID. Timber. Single and group tree torching and spotting. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Flag Knoll – WFU	ID	CTF	190	---	N/A	N/A	2	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Windy conditions are expected from the northern Sierras to the Rockies. Mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are on tap over portions of the northern Great Basin, Northern Rockies and eastern Oregon. Dry weather will persist over California as well as central and northern Texas.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts**

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					3	0	3
Northwest	FIRES			0		7	4	11
	ACRES			500		2	0	502
Northern California	FIRES	1				22	1	24
	ACRES	1				285	5,244	5,530
Southern California	FIRES					23	2	25
	ACRES					166	1	167
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1	1		6	1	11
	ACRES	1	156	100		3	0	260
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9			2	2	13
	ACRES		0			0	5	5
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				2	2
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						10	10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		1	3	5	11
	ACRES		0		0	1	569	570
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					1	1	2
Southern Area	FIRES	4				75	6	85
	ACRES	12				1,246	29	1,287
TOTAL	FIRES	7	13	1	1	141	27	190
	ACRES	14	156	600	0	1,707	5,861	8,338

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		13	17	1	273	3	307
	ACRES		700	1,242	0	54,538	0	56,480
Northwest	FIRES	192	90	7	19	447	431	1,186
	ACRES	10,427	53,219	8,148	409	6,698	5,728	84,629
Northern California	FIRES	120	16	5	23	2,075	688	2,927
	ACRES	120	26	161	6,427	278,972	439,617	725,323
Southern California	FIRES	41	77	11	17	2,576	316	3,038
	ACRES	316	2,599	863	13	14,764	283,710	302,265
Northern Rockies	FIRES	835	43	14	3	532	261	1,688
	ACRES	9,865	6,320	6,172	5	43,330	5,231	70,923
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	31	264	2	10	272	201	780
	ACRES	8,399	5,423	493	133	7,708	4,421	26,577
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	176	2	10	51	40	287
	ACRES	10	11,686	1	4	3,159	53	14,913
Southwest	FIRES	585	203	6	44	660	725	2,223
	ACRES	20,643	80,992	347	926	263,257	91,559	457,724
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	370	204	24	19	403	219	1,239
	ACRES	1,599	2,193	2,008	289	112,385	2,590	121,064
Eastern Area	FIRES	315		14	18	7,286	279	7,912
	ACRES	1,899		252	264	46,086	1,697	50,198
Southern Area	FIRES	764		175	55	30,242	519	31,755
	ACRES	52,927		18,716	54,145	1,478,669	36,697	1,641,154
TOTAL	FIRES	3,261	1,086	277	219	44,817	3,682	53,342
	ACRES	106,205	163,158	38,403	62,615	2,309,566	871,303	3,551,250

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>51,937</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,681,900</b>

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**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						108	108
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	108	108

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	10	35	13	3		98	159
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,376	27,531
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	11	12	6	107	175
	ACRES	415	113	22,765	78	1,159	4,464	28,994
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	8	5	129	149
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	12,435	14,761
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	16	55	5	24	147	263
	ACRES	773	2,161	15,969	309	1,109	17,311	37,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	20	5	7	15	49	99
	ACRES	200	2,879	346	1,050	2,290	11,655	18,420
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	22	60	9	12		130	233
	ACRES	2,900	39,090	12,031	1,462		50,818	106,301
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	19	105	18	44	111	323
	ACRES	2,932	2,021	18,415	4,442	5,330	33,263	66,403
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		414	21	1,258	117	1,855
	ACRES	30,265		56,757	1,096	74,157	33,843	196,118
Southern Area	FIRES	25		65	82	416	835	1,423
	ACRES	14,613		43,213	60,846	237,640	865,835	1,222,147
TOTAL	FIRES	172	169	683	170	1,778	1,727	4,699
	ACRES	54,533	51,767	172,689	70,651	325,726	1,051,437	1,726,803

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### WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	15	5	1		27
	ACRES		6,217	15,527	1,299	3		23,046
Northwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						7,079	7,079
Southern California	FIRES				8		6	14
	ACRES				99		9,674	9,773
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		7	8
	ACRES				1		455	456
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		7	8
	ACRES				0		725	725
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		2	5
	ACRES		81		0		21	102
Southwest	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				112		10,620	10,732
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		2		3	8
	ACRES		0		0		1,403	1,403
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,544	1,544
TOTAL	FIRES	0	11	17	21	1	50	100
	ACRES	0	6,298	15,528	1,511	3	31,521	54,861

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	12	0	1,038	10,540
Yukon Territory	0	0	56	15,027
Alberta	72	55	1,269	12,048
Northwest Territory	8	10,335	141	176,926
Saskatchewan	4	70,795	547	853,753
Manitoba	0	42	333	113,284
Ontario	0	0	163	405
Quebec	1	0	163	1,381
Newfoundland	0	0	107	3,387
New Brunswick	0	4	139	128
Nova Scotia	0	0	229	2,576
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	60	2,138
Total	97	81,231	4,245	1,191,593

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